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OPERATIONS REPORT JUNE 1991
SEATTLE OPERATIONS
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PLANT STAFFING: I worked with Ken Rone and Dan Peters to finalize plant staffing and organization for the new plant.

FINISH MILL: Coordinated with Seattle City Light to test run finish mill motors on Monday 24 June 91. This test was satisfactory - motors both ran fine. The reason for the trip of Seattle City Light's main feeder on 3 June 91 (all south Seattle on E. Marginal Way including Boeing) during the previous run of #1 F/M motor was found to be a blown fuse at the pole top cutouts feeding our plant. This allowed a single-phase situation to trip their relaying, appearing as a 'ground fault' on their main line. In short, we had no faults in the Ash Grove electrical system but we spent an awful lot of time and money to find their problem.

Renovation of Finish Mill area is proceeding, cooling water piping is nearly completed. Cooler gearbox repairs is 50% complete. We provided assistance to D.W. Close in installation of I/O cabinets.

Completed testing of #1 Finish Mill protective relays. They were found to be in pretty good shape initially, only 2 relays failed to operate and they have been repaired.

TEMPORARY POWER GENERATOR: Completed plans necessary to provide 450kw of generation to run plant during main substation outage over Labor Day weekend. Generator, cables, fuel tank truck and method of hookup is essentially in place.

OIL STORAGE/DISPOSAL: Lubricants currently on site are located, assembled into primary locations and with a few exceptions are identified as those we want to keep, those to be made available to other Ash Grove installations and those slated for disposal. Circulation of this list should be completed by 7/12/91.

NEW PERSONNEL: Selection of the new Instrument/Electrical Supervisor was finalized. Guy Cosway is the new I/E Supervisor and is to report to work on 7/3/91. We want to welcome Guy. We are most anxious for him to get started and very pleased to have him.

We also selected our only electrician during June. Mark Hess who has excellent credentials comes to us from Foremost Dairies and will begin work on July 8, 1991. We want to welcome both to the Ash Grove Team.

RAIL CAR UNLOADING: Continued our efforts to optimize performance of our rail car unloading system. Recently we installed a chart recorder on the motor starter for the F.K. pump. This will allow us to determine pump loading amps, duration of load, pump utilization and time required to unload each car. Already this information is providing to be quite valuable.

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